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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012-2456

Dear Supervisors:

**PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED FIRST EXTENSION OF CLOSURE
POE PARKWAY BETWEEN DEFOE WAY AND THE WESTERLY TERMINUS OF
POE PARKWAY
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING:

Adopt the enclosed Resolution ordering the first extension of the temporary closure of Poe Parkway between DeFoe Way and the westerly terminus of Poe Parkway for an additional 18 months. Poe Parkway between DeFoe Way and the westerly terminus of Poe Parkway is a fully improved secondary roadway with no fronting development.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Poe Parkway between DeFoe Way and the westerly terminus of Poe Parkway was temporarily closed on January 27, 2004, due to concern of criminal activity. Due to the fact that no development has occurred along this section of Poe Parkway, and that the criminal activity would likely resume if reopened, it is recommended to extend this temporary road closure for an additional 18 months. This recommendation would maintain the closure of Poe Parkway until September 2007 pending future development and the extension of Poe Parkway.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence as implementation will enhance highway safety and accommodate traffic-related concerns of residents.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient funds are included in the proposed Fiscal Year 2006-07 Public Works Road Fund Budget to cover the minor cost of maintaining the necessary signs and traffic control advising the public of the road closure. Financing is not required.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

California Vehicle Code Section 21101.4 allows a local authority to temporarily close to through traffic a highway under its jurisdiction when it finds that, based upon the joint recommendation of the Sheriff and the California Highway Patrol (CHP), there is continual criminal activity on the portion of highway recommended for temporary closure; the highway is not designated as a through highway or arterial; easy access for vehicular and pedestrian traffic contributes to the criminal activity; and the closure will not adversely affect emergency access, performance of public utility services, or the delivery of freight. On November 4, 2003, and November 17, 2003, the CHP and the Sheriff, respectively, initially recommended the closure due to the existing criminal activities on the subject portion of Poe Parkway. Recent discussions with both agencies indicate they are in support of the continued closure of Poe Parkway. Poe Parkway is a secondary roadway and not a through highway or arterial route. Access for emergency and utility services on Poe Parkway will remain available by way of a gated entrance.

The California Vehicle Code permits the temporary closure to remain in effect for up to 18 months, except that period may be extended for five consecutive periods of not more than 18 months by Ordinance or Resolution after a public hearing and all the same conditions are met. The public hearing notice shall be published pursuant to Government Code 6062a. There are no driveways or developed properties adjacent to the portion of highway to be closed; therefore, no public vehicular access is needed.

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ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The establishment of these restrictions, including the installation of related traffic control devices required to notify the motoring public, is categorically exempt under Class I-(x)7 of the Environmental Guidelines approved by your Board.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Not applicable.

CONCLUSION

At such time as these recommendations may be adopted, please return one copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD L. WOLFE
Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel

**A RESOLUTION OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
ORDERING THE FIRST EXTENSION OF
THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF POE PARKWAY
BETWEEN DEFOE WAY AND THE WESTERLY TERMINUS OF POE PARKWAY
TO THROUGH TRAFFIC FOR AN ADDITIONAL 18 MONTHS**

WHEREAS, it is within the power of the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, pursuant to Section 21101.4 of the California Vehicle Code, to extend the temporary closure to through traffic a highway under its jurisdiction for an additional 18 months; and

WHEREAS, it was found and determined that:

1. There is existing and continual criminal activity on the portion of Poe Parkway between DeFoe Way and the westerly terminus of Poe Parkway;
2. It is the joint recommendation of the County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department and the California Highway Patrol that, because of the existing serious and continual criminal activity, the roadway be closed;
3. Poe Parkway is not designated as a through highway or arterial street;
4. Vehicular and pedestrian traffic on the highway contribute to the criminal activity; and
5. The first extension of the temporary closure of Poe Parkway between DeFoe Way and the westerly terminus of Poe Parkway will not adversely affect the operation of emergency vehicles or the performance of municipal or public utility services in the area, nor substantially adversely affect traffic flow or safety on the adjacent streets or in the surrounding neighborhoods, nor the delivery of freight by commercial vehicles.

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County and the involved community that Poe Parkway between DeFoe Way and the westerly terminus of Poe Parkway be temporarily closed to traffic for an additional period of 18 months.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, that Poe Parkway between DeFoe Way and the westerly terminus of Poe Parkway be temporarily closed to traffic for an additional period of 18 months as the first extension by this Board pursuant to Section 21101.4 of the California Vehicle Code.

IT IS, FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Public Works is instructed to maintain adequate signage for the closure of Poe Parkway in order to reasonably apprise the public as to the nature and extent of the closure.

The foregoing Resolution was on the _____ day of _____, 2006, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.

VIOLET VARONA-LUKENS
Executive Officer of the
Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles

By _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.
County Counsel

By _____
Deputy

INSTRUCTION SHEET FOR PUBLISHING
LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

TO: Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board
Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles

FROM: Department of Public Works
Traffic and Lighting Division

**NOTICE OF HEARING
PROPOSED FIRST EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF POE PARKWAY**

California Vehicle Code Section 21101.4 authorizes local authorities, by Ordinance or Resolution, to temporarily close to through traffic a highway under its jurisdiction when it finds there is continual criminal activity in the portion of highway recommended for temporary closure; the highway is not designated as a through highway or arterial; easy access for vehicular and pedestrian traffic allows the criminal activity; and the closure will not adversely affect emergency access, performance of public utility services, or delivery of freight.

The Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors is requested to give notice of the public hearing pursuant to Government Code Section 6062a. Attached is a notice of the public hearing to be published twice in newspapers, five days apart, at least ten days prior to the March 28, 2006, public hearing.

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Attach.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON PROPOSED APPLICATION OF
SECTION 21101.4 OF THE CALIFORNIA VEHICLE CODE
FOR THE FIRST EXTENSION OF THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF
POE PARKWAY TO THROUGH TRAFFIC**

Notice is hereby given that Tuesday, the ____ day of _____, 2006, at 9:30 a.m. has been fixed as the time, and the Hearing Room of the Board of Supervisors, Room 381B, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California 90012, has been fixed as the place where any and all persons having objections to the proposed first extension of the temporary closure of Poe Parkway between DeFoe Way and the westerly terminus of Poe Parkway for an additional 18 months may appear before said Board of Supervisors and show cause why said proposed first extension of the temporary closure should not be made in accordance with Section 21101.4 of the California Vehicle Code.

If you have any questions concerning this hearing, please call Mr. Anthony Nyivih of the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works at (626) 300-4712.

Si no entiende este aviso o necesita mas informacion, favor de llamar Sr. Guillermo Gonzalez al numero (626) 300-4782.